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GERMAN PRIZE CREW HAS
CAPTURED LINER APPAM**Mystery of the Disappearance of the African Passenger Carrying Ship Is Solved When She Puts Into American Port, Having Been Taken by a Teutonic Raider Which Has Had a Spectacular Career in the Atlantic**

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—The most daring feat on the high seas during the present European war was revealed today when the big African liner Appam sped into Hampton Roads in charge of a prize crew.

Given up as having foundered in a terrible storm in the Mediterranean two weeks ago, or as having been torpedoed as she was heading from Africa for Liverpool, the big liner put into port in the dawn today with her 166 passengers and crew of 134 safe.

Her sudden appearance here like a wrath from the dead, showed she had been captured by a German merchant raider. The prize crew, probably aided by German prisoners aboard the Appam, headed her about through the heavy seas, raced across the Atlantic, eluding British warships patrolling off the American coast, and put into port under a light fog.

The incident is unparalleled in its daring and its execution. The prize crew also added to the exploit the remarkable feat of capturing at least two vessels en route here. Customs Collector Hamilton found the Germans had armed the Appam as a commerce raider, thus accomplishing this sensational finale to an already stirring adventure.

Immigration and customs officials immediately boarded the liner. Quarantine officers found some of the passengers sick and all of them excited by the strange events through which they had passed.

It was reported that the German vessel had halted the Appam off Gibraltar, while a dozen men from her clambered aboard and took charge of the steamship. A score of German prisoners aboard the Appam probably aided them in getting weapons and in guarding the ship against a mutiny by her own crew.

Among the passengers were reported to be Sir E. M. Morleyweather, governor of British Sierra Leone, and his wife.

Internment Probable
The civilians in the crew will probably be permitted to depart, but the vessel undoubtedly will be interned as a man-of-war by reason of her armed nature and her capture of prizes en route.

Details of the capture and flight, of how the prize crew guarded those aboard and navigated the vessel, have not yet been learned.

The exploit of the Appam recalled the adventures of the German commerce raiders Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm, now interned here.

Washington officials have been asked for a decision as to internment of the Appam.

While the prize crew refused to tell the name or the nature of the armed vessel that captured the Appam, passengers said that it was an armed merchant vessel instead of a submarine, as at first reported to officials.

Was Attacked January 15

They said the merchantman attacked the Appam January 15, off the Canary Islands. The attacking ship then disappeared after putting a prize crew in charge, under the direction of Lieutenant Oscar Berg.

The raider appeared near the Appam in the early morning and fired several shots across the bow of the Appam, the passengers said. The Appam officers and crew thought the assault came from a pirate, and thereupon attempted to repel the raider, but the two Appam guns proved unequal to the task.

Both the Appam and the attacking ship lowered lifeboats simultaneously. Some of the Appam crew sought to escape, while the stranger sent a prize crew aboard. The

Appam's boat was crushed between the two vessels and presumably it was the wreck of this which gave rise to the Liverpool report that the ship had been abandoned and sunk at sea.

Fighting on Appam's Decks
Bloody fighting resulted on the decks of the Appam as the prize crew scrambled aboard her. Several persons were injured and two died later, while others are expected to die.

Commander Harrison, seeing the futility of further resistance, surrendered to the Teutons, who at once took charge of the vessel and headed her for the United States.

Berg explained that he and his picked prize crew of 22 headed into Norfolk because they were "sure of decent treatment here."

The raider disappeared after placing on the Appam a number of prisoners she had taken from seven different British ships. It is believed she is now continuing her raids about the Canary Islands.

The fact that an Appam lifeboat had been found was explained here on the ground that presumably the prize crew cast it overboard to create the impression that the vessel had foundered.

Appam Armed by Captors
Washington, Feb. 1.—The African liner Appam, which appeared in Hampton Roads today after being mysteriously missing for days, was armed by her German captors as a commerce raider while en route to the Roads.

In this role she captured at least two ships, Customs Collector Hamilton at Norfolk reported today. He did not state the disposal of the prizes.

If proven, this means the Appam must be interned as a man-of-war.

Ambassador Is Pleased
Washington, Feb. 1.—The British embassy is expected to request release of the African liner Appam, brought into Hampton Roads by a German prize crew, while the German embassy probably will seek to have her held.

German Ambassador von Bernstorff was manifestly pleased today at the feat of his countrymen in capturing the big liner.

Pres. Wilson Hears of Capture
Chicago, Feb. 1.—President Wilson learned today of the Appam incident through the United Press, but his secretary announced that he would await official dispatches before considering what position the government would take toward the vessel and her captors.

BULLET INTENDED FOR DOG FINDS PATROLMAN'S LEG

Chickasha, Okla., Feb. 1.—Patrolman J. Leo Tuck was in an auto chasing a mad dog. Steering with one hand, he drew his revolver, took careful aim and fired. The bullet penetrated his own leg.

COPIES OF VON PAPER'S DOCUMENTS ARRIVE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 1.—Copies and photographs of letters and check stubs and other documents taken by the British from German Attaché von Papez while he was en route to Germany were received today by the state department. As he had not had time to inspect them, Secretary Lansing was not prepared to say whether these proved, as Britons had contended, that Papez was involved in financing anti-allied plotters in the United States.

KENNETH D. M'KELLAR.

Wins United States Senatorship in Tennessee Primaries.

ZEPPELINS ARE
MOBILIZED FOR
RAID ON LONDON

London, Feb. 1.—A squadron of 20 Zeppelins, some of them equipped with silent motors, have been maneuvering over Belgium for several days, preparing for an unusually powerful drive against London, according to Amsterdam dispatches today.

Experts here believe that the raid of a half dozen or more of the air monsters against midland, eastern and northeastern counties of England last night was merely an attack preliminary to the larger operations.

The first announcement of the war office suggested there had been no appreciable damage, and no additional details were available today.

Apocryphal of the recent attacks against England and the prospect of new raids, the Times warned that a joint assault by a number of Zeppelins probably would have serious consequences.

At the same time, this newspaper pointed out that the defense of the city and country in general against air attacks is imperfect.

Travelers reaching here today reported that Belgians have been excluded from the territory in which the Zeppelin squadron is maneuvering, and that a dozen aeroplanes, presumably the new giant Fokker type, are assisting. These probably are intended to give battle against any English aircraft that might attack the dirigibles.

COMPLAIN THAT FILMS ARE CARRIED AS BAGGAGE

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Railroads of the state asked the railroad commission today to permit them to prevent carrying of motion picture films as baggage. They pointed out this is often done, particularly between Los Angeles and here, but that the practice is dangerous because of the inflammable character of the films.

SNOW BLOCKADES
TRAINS TO SEATTLE

Seattle, Feb. 1.—Snow slides in the Cascade mountains today stalled all transcontinental trains to and from Seattle and it will be several hours at least before they will be moving again.

A westbound Great Northern train is delayed at Leavenworth, while Northern Pacific trains are being held at Banton. The Milwaukee trains are also blocked, but no serious delays are apprehended. The Canadian Pacific is not seriously delayed.

The snow has been falling here and in the mountains for the past 36 hours continuously. Eight inches of fresh snow fell in Seattle last night and the weather bureau says it is drawing whether more snow falls this afternoon or whether it will rain.

MANY KILLED
IN ZEPPELIN
AIR RAID**Most Disastrous Bombardment Since the War Commenced Results in at Least 54 Deaths in British Cities**

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 1.—In the most disastrous air raid against England to date, German Zeppelins last night killed 54 persons and injured 67 in attacks against Staffordshire, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire. Official announcement of this toll today indicated that the figures may run even greater, as reports from all bombarded cities are not complete. That the raids were not more terrible was due to the fact that the attackers were hampered by a mist.

Last night's raid against the counties 100 miles north and northeast of London were the 18th since the war started. The next greatest attack was October 13, 1915, against London, when 50 persons were killed and 115 injured. Last night's onslaughts brought the total of casualties to 324 killed and 462 wounded. While the London war office did not announce exact locations, it is regarded possible that some important English manufacturing centers were attacked. Manchester and Sheffield, two of the most important of such cities, lie just north of the bombarded districts.

James W. Lindsey and wife, of Klamath Falls, are in the city, and will remain here for several weeks for the improvement of Mr. Lindsey's health. Mr. Lindsey is a brother of Mrs. T. Y. Dean.

CHICO PASTOR HELD
UNDER HEAVY BOND

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Chico, Cal., Feb. 1.—Rev. Madison Slaughter, pastor of the First Baptist church here, is out today on \$10,000 bail, following his indictment on five counts charging assault on 15-year-old Gertrude Lamson.

Meanwhile the pastor's wife stood faithfully by him, and indicated that she may seek to punish the party or parties responsible for the charges. Slaughter himself maintains he is innocent, and that when his trial comes on he will demonstrate that he is the victim of a frame-up by liquor interests.

The indictments followed the final consideration of the girl's charges late yesterday. Her parents were the last witnesses, but they are understood to have taken the position that the girl's claims against the preacher were unfounded.

Meanwhile the girl tomorrow will stand preliminary trial on a charge of delinquency, brought after the court had ordered that she be sent home instead of being held incommunicado as a witness in the pastor's case.

How strong is the faith of the girl's father in the pastor was evidenced today when it became known that he had furnished \$1,000 of the \$10,000 bonds required. Other bondsmen, like the father, were members of the church placed their endorsement on Slaughter today with an announcement that he will remain their pastor.

Slaughter, however, insists he will not occupy the pulpit until his name has been cleared.

The girl's father expressed the view that she is irresponsible, and is not telling the truth about the clergyman.

W. H. CUNNINGHAM.

Mayor of Youngstown, O., Called on Troops Against Strikers.

CLAIM CAPTOR OF
LINER APPAM WAS
KAISER'S MOEWE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—A message thrown from a porthole of the liner Appam this afternoon to a United Press staff correspondent revealed that the name of her German captor was the Moewe. The message said the Moewe started her remarkable raiding career from the Kiel canal, passing through the British blockade.

In addition to capture of the Appam, seven victims were bagged by the vessel after she crept out onto the oceans. These were named in the message as the Crowbridge, coal laden, January 11; Farrington, copper ore laden, January 11; Drummond, coal laden, January 13; Author, general cargo, January 13; Ariadne, wheat laden, January 13; Trader, sugar laden, January 13; Clan McTavish, general cargo, including much beef, January 15.

The Moewe approached the Appam with a British flag flying at her mast, but as she drew nearer the passenger liner she ran up the German flag. Simultaneously she lowered the false sides, which made her appear as a tramp steamer, and displayed a full armament of 16-inch guns.

The capture of the Appam was placed at 60 miles north of the Madeira Islands.

During her cruise the Moewe also used the Swedish flag, the note said.

Of the Moewe's victims the 5,800-ton Clan McTavish was the largest.

The Moewe was a small naval survey ship with a speed of only 10 knots and at a distance she appears "trampish."

Though the Appam could easily have outdistanced her, passengers said she slipped up alongside before her identity was known. It is reported that a German submarine conveyed the Appam for more than half of her voyage from the Canaries.

British vessels here will not leave until they are certain no submarines are lurking off the coasts.

All of the crew of the Clan McTavish were killed when they showed fight, except four injured, placed aboard the Appam, according to an immigration officer who boarded the Appam this afternoon.

STRIKERS CLOSE
CARNEGIE MILLS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Youngstown, O., Feb. 1.—Eight hundred men are out of work and the Carnegie Steel company's 12 mills are closed today in a strike for higher wages. Demands for more wages followed dissatisfaction with the recent 10 per cent increase. Officials said that only one-tenth of the 3,000 employees are striking, and they blame foreign agents for the trouble.

BEET SEED READY FOR
ACREAGE NOW SIGNED**Oregon-Utah Sugar Co. Authorizes More Contracts With Growers, But States That Owing to a Scarcity of Seed Right Must Be Given to Cancel New Contracts Up to March 2nd, Though All Old Contracts Are Approved**

The Oregon-Utah Sugar company is ready to make new contracts with farmers for beet acreage for the present year's planting, but owing to the shortage of seed these new contracts are not guaranteed, and may be revoked up to March 2. A wire received this morning by P. S. Bramwell, field superintendent for the sugar company, from Salt Lake City, stated that enough seed was reserved for the acreage already signed, but directing that new contracts provide for cancellation by March 2 if the seed is not obtainable for them. The telegram read as follows:

It is almost impossible at this time to buy sugar beet seed at any price and deliveries are not guaranteed. The company has secured enough seed for the growers' contracts that it has heretofore accepted. Parties who desire to increase their acreage or new parties who want to grow beets must sign up their acreage immediately so that seed can be provided. Please advise us immediately of any new seed requirements. You must reserve right for company up to March 2 to cancel all new contracts taken after February 1, and you and growers must exercise care to insert such provisions in any new contracts. Publish this in Medford and Grants Pass papers.

This telegram is verification of the telegram received recently in which C. W. Nibley assured our people that the seed situation had been solved, and while it indicates that those who have already contracted to plant beets can be cared for, it does not guarantee that new contracts can be taken care of. It is essential, therefore, that any of the farmers who wish to increase their plantings make arrangements at once, that ample time be given the attempt to get more seed.

Under the old contracts the company reserved the right of cancellation up to February 1, but with the arrival of that date, and the acceptance of the contracts by the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, the contract now becomes an "enforceable covenant" between the factory people and the farmers. The landowners can now proceed to get their lands ready for the crop of beets, knowing that the cancellation period is past, and that the contract is binding both upon themselves and the sugar company.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
CONTROL ATHLETIC BOARD

New York, Feb. 1.—Because the boys did not get enough study points to be eligible to the athletic board, students' demand that school officials now control that organization.

NO ESTIMATE OF
DAMAGE BY FLOODS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

San Diego, Feb. 1.—San Diego county today is taking stock of the loss sustained by the floods which have swept several fertile valleys and damaged roads and railways to the extent of thousands of dollars.

Anything like an approximate estimate of damage will be impossible for days, but with clear skies again, relief work is being rushed under direction of the chamber of commerce, aided by citizens, soldiers and sailors.

Today \$23,465.19 in cash had been donated, besides thousands of dollars' worth of clothing and food were distributed to the ranchers and their families who lost their all in the flood.

Offers of outside aid were received during the day, but the committee decided that, for the present at least, local people would care for the work. Sylvester Weaver, president of the Los Angeles Rotary club, wired an offer of aid in behalf of that organization, but it was declined.

Four looters, all Americans, have been captured by marines and blue-jackets patrolling the Otay valley, devastated as a result of the breaking of the lower Otay dam. A party of Mexicans on horseback, who had invaded the district, fled across the border at the approach of the troops. Food, clothing and medical supplies in large quantities were distributed by them. It is estimated that it would be three weeks before the Santa Fe railroad will be able to resume operation. A large force of men is working on the washed-out bridges and track north of here, and another body is working from Santa Ana southward.

Many back-country points yesterday received the first mail in a week. The farther rescue parties push their investigations, the more have the estimates of fatalities dwindled. Today it was stated authoritatively that 11 persons are known to have lost their lives.

NO FAMILY ROWS SINCE
J. BARLEYCORN'S DEMISE

Portland, Feb. 1.—Police court records for the month of January today indicate that prohibition has a pacific effect on domestic life. Not a single family row is recorded in municipal court books for last month. The decrease in drunkenness as compared with January last year is 80 per cent. Crime of all sorts was cut just one-third.

NEW YORK SOCIETY
ENTERTAINS PIG IN PARLOR

New York, Feb. 1.—A pink pig paraded with pernickious placidity about the gold drawing room of Mrs. Payne Whitney's home at a charity bazaar, proud with the pride of being the original pig in the parlor.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the state department had received Austria's denial that an Austrian submarine sank the liner Persia.

The note said that all submarine commanders had reported they had nothing to do with the incident.

SAND AS REMEDY
CAUSES MAN'S DEATH

Redding, Cal., Feb. 1.—Two table-spoonfuls of sand, taken as medicine under advice from a "doctor book," caused the death of a county hospital today of George W. Lewis. Lewis had taken no nourishment for 15 days when he was discovered in distress and rushed to the county institution.

WILSON FAILS CROWD
TO PROTECT HIS VOICE

Aboard the President's Special Train, Joliet, Ill., Feb. 1.—In order to save his voice, President Wilson today unexpectedly failed to deliver his expected platform speech on preparedness here. His train crept slowly past a crowded station amidst a burst of cheers.